

104TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 253

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 1995

Ms. HARMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY OF STATES TO**  
4       **REGULATE GAMBLING DEVICES ON VESSELS.**

5       Section 5(b)(2) of the Act of January 2, 1951 (15  
6       U.S.C. 1175(b)(2)), commonly referred to as the “John-  
7       son Act”, is amended by adding at the end the following:

8               “(C) EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN VOYAGES  
9               AND SEGMENTS.—Except for a voyage or seg-  
10              ment of a voyage that occurs within the bound-

1 aries of the State of Hawaii, a voyage or seg-  
2 ment of a voyage is not described in subpara-  
3 graph (B) if it includes or consists of a seg-  
4 ment—

5 “(i) that begins and ends in the same  
6 State;

7 “(ii) that is part of a voyage to an-  
8 other State or to a foreign country; and

9 “(iii) in which the vessel reaches the  
10 other State or foreign country within 3  
11 days after leaving the State in which it  
12 begins.”.

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